

# Solo Leveling

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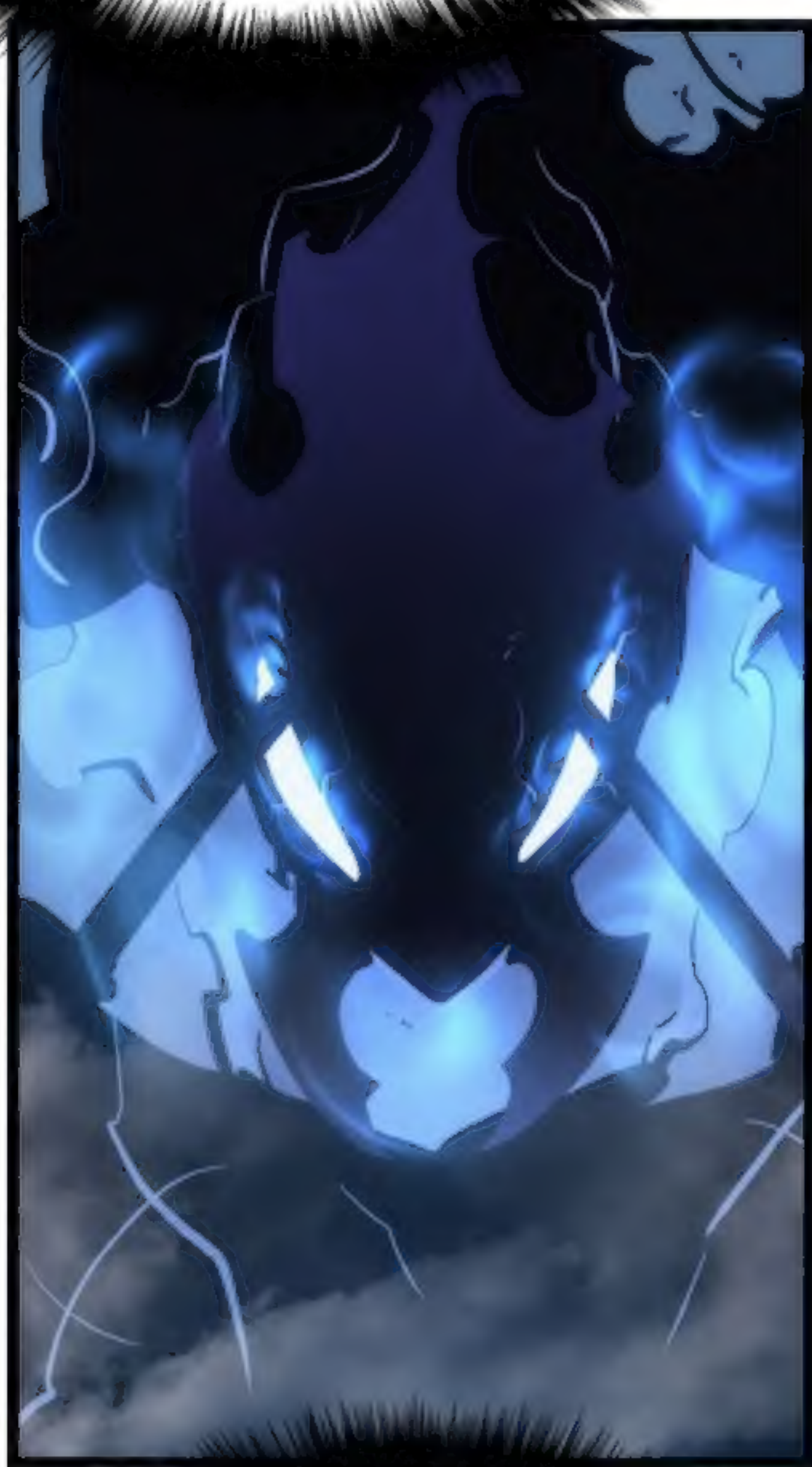
I'VE NEVER  
SEEN THIS RANK  
BEFORE.





SO FAR, THE RANKS  
HAVE BEEN STANDARD,  
ELITE, KNIGHT, AND  
ELITE KNIGHT... IS  
GENERAL THE NEXT  
STEP ABOVE?

THAT WOULD MEAN THIS  
GUY IS MUCH STRONGER  
THAN ALL OF THE  
SHADOW SOLDIERS I'VE  
EXTRACTED SO FAR.



I'M NOT SURPRISED,  
CONSIDERING HOW  
STRONG IT WAS WHEN  
IT WAS ALIVE.

NOW IT'S TIME  
TO EXTRACT THE  
QUEEN'S...





MY KING...



PLEASE GIVE  
ME...



...A NAME...

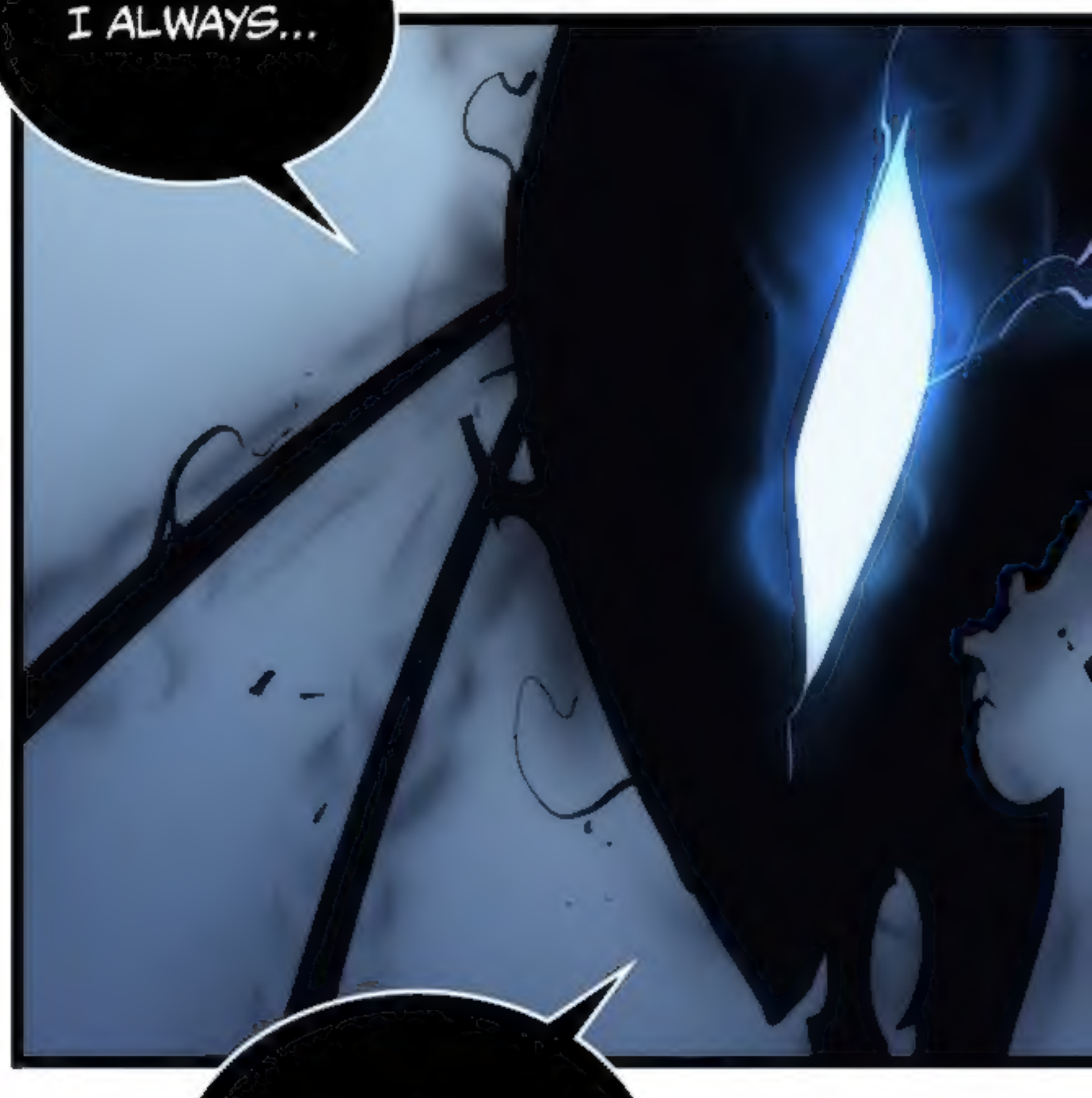
LOOKS LIKE  
THE "UNCONDITIONAL  
LOYALTY" ALL MY OTHER  
SHADOW SOLDIERS  
SHOW ME APPLIES TO  
THIS GUY AS WELL.





HOW ARE  
YOU CAPABLE OF  
SPEAKING?

I ALWAYS...



...COULD.

"I ALWAYS  
COULD"?



SO IT CAN SPEAK  
TO ME BECAUSE IT WAS  
ALREADY CAPABLE OF  
SPEAKING BEFORE IT  
BECAME MY SOLDIER?  
IS THAT WHAT IT'S  
TRYING TO SAY?



BUT WAIT,  
IRON USED TO BE A  
PERSON, YET HE WASN'T  
ABLE TO TALK ANYMORE  
AFTER BECOMING  
A SHADOW.

THE SAME GOES  
FOR MIN BYUNG-GU  
AND TUSK AS  
WELL.




THERE'S ONLY  
ONE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN THEM.  
THEIR RANK.

MAYBE THE OTHERS  
WILL ALSO GAIN THE  
ABILITY TO SPEAK  
ONCE THEY BECOME  
A HIGHER RANK.







I WAS  
THE ONE WHO  
KILLED YOU.

DO YOU STILL  
WISH TO FOLLOW  
MY LEAD?

I...

...WAS NOT  
KILLED BY  
YOU...

RATHER, IT WAS  
THROUGH YOUR  
POWERS... THAT  
I WAS REBORN,  
MASTER.

HAPPINESS...

...OVERFLOWS  
WITHIN ME.

I SHALL FOLLOW



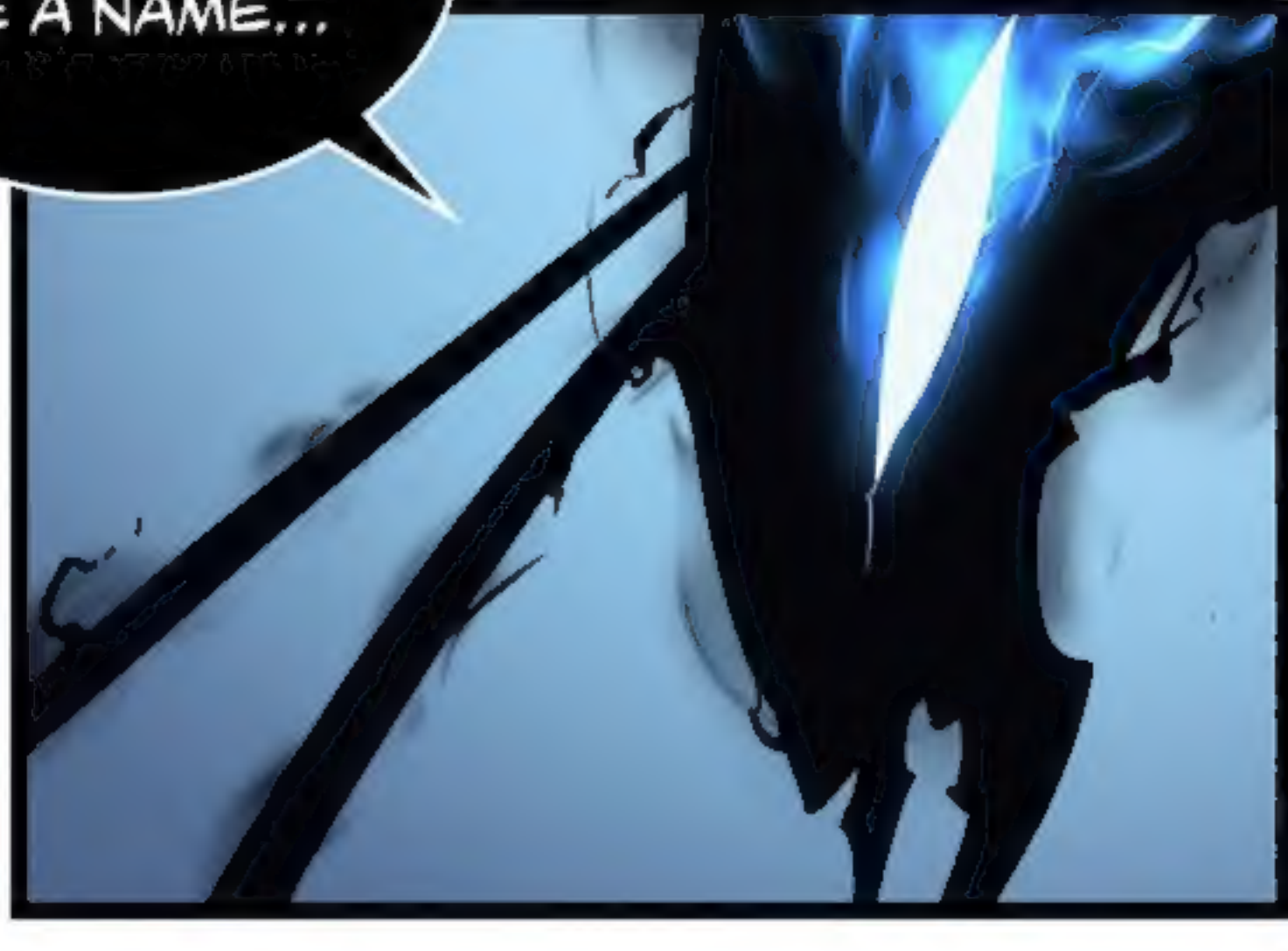
YOU... FOR THE REST  
OF ETERNITY,  
MASTER.



MY KING...



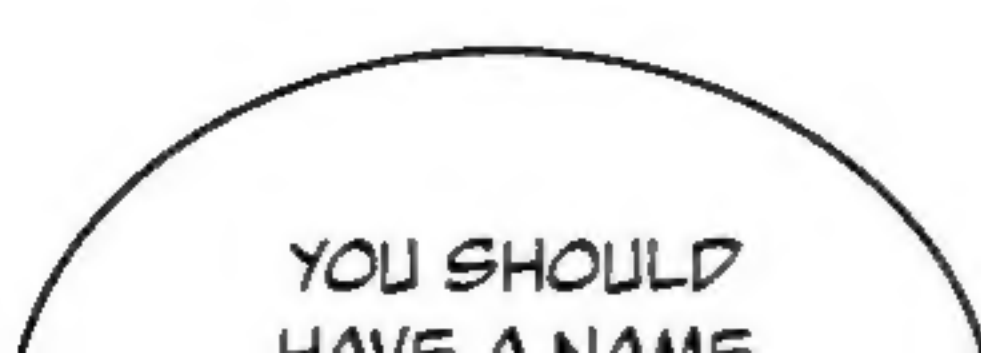
PLEASE  
BESTOW UPON  
ME A NAME...



I GUESS IT'D BE  
KIND OF WEIRD IF  
I JUST NAMED YOU  
"ANT" OR "BUG,"  
RIGHT?



YOU SHOULD  
HAVE A NAME





HAVE A NAME  
THAT SETS YOU  
APART FROM THE  
OTHER ANTS...



I SUDDENLY  
REMEMBERED THE NAME  
OF THE AUTHOR WHO HAD  
WRITTEN A NOVEL TITLED  
"THE ANTS."



BERU.

YOUR NAME  
IS **BERU**.









THANK YOU...  
MASTER.



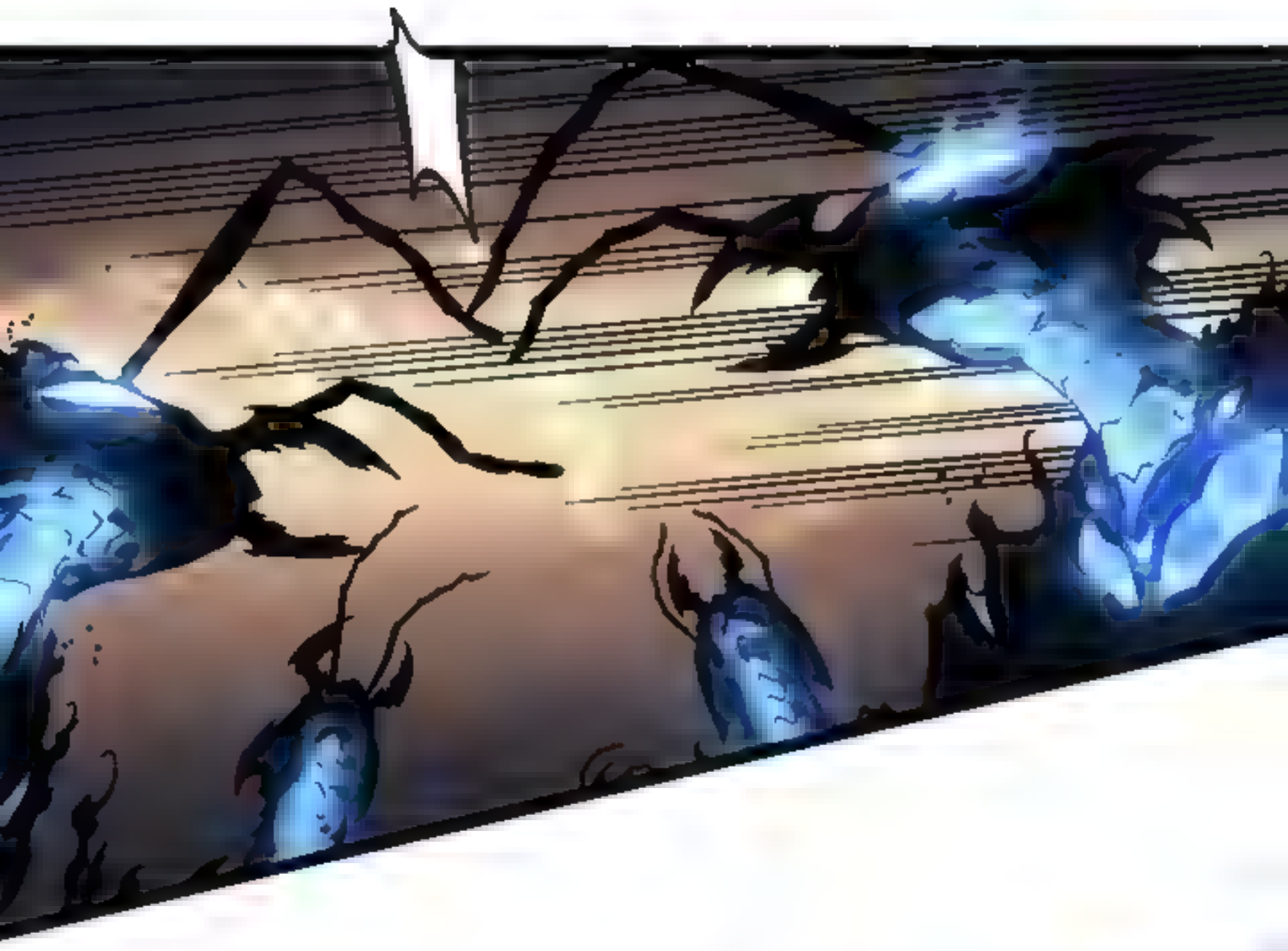
NICE, NOW IT'S  
TIME TO EXTRACT  
THE QUEEN'S  
SHADOW.



ARISE.







HUH? MY BOND  
WITH THE ANTS  
JUST BECAME  
WEAKER.



BERU, CAN YOU  
EXPLAIN WHAT JUST  
HAPPENED?

THE QUEEN HAS THE  
INHERENT POWER...  
TO RULE OVER HER  
COLONY.

SO ARE YOU SAYING  
THAT AS LONG AS THE  
QUEEN IS ALIVE,  
SHE HAS THE RIGHT  
TO COMMAND THE  
ANTS?

PRECISELY...

THE QUEEN'S MANA  
LEVELS ARE PRETTY  
LOW CONSIDERING HER  
RANK. WHY HAS HER  
MANA DECREASED?

THE  
QUEEN'S MANA WAS  
MOSTLY USED FOR...  
REPRODUCTION.

THE REASON  
SHE HAS LESS  
MANA NOW IS  
BECAUSE...



...SHE NO  
LONGER HAS  
A BODY TO  
REPRODUCE.

SO THE QUEEN  
ISN'T SUITED FOR  
BATTLE.

THAT IS  
CORRECT...  
MASTER.

...

THERE IS NO  
NEED FOR TWO  
COMMANDERS.

TERMINATE  
EXTRACTION.

SWISH



HOLD UP, YOU  
GUYS DON'T NEED  
TO COLLECT THE  
ESSENCE  
STONES.



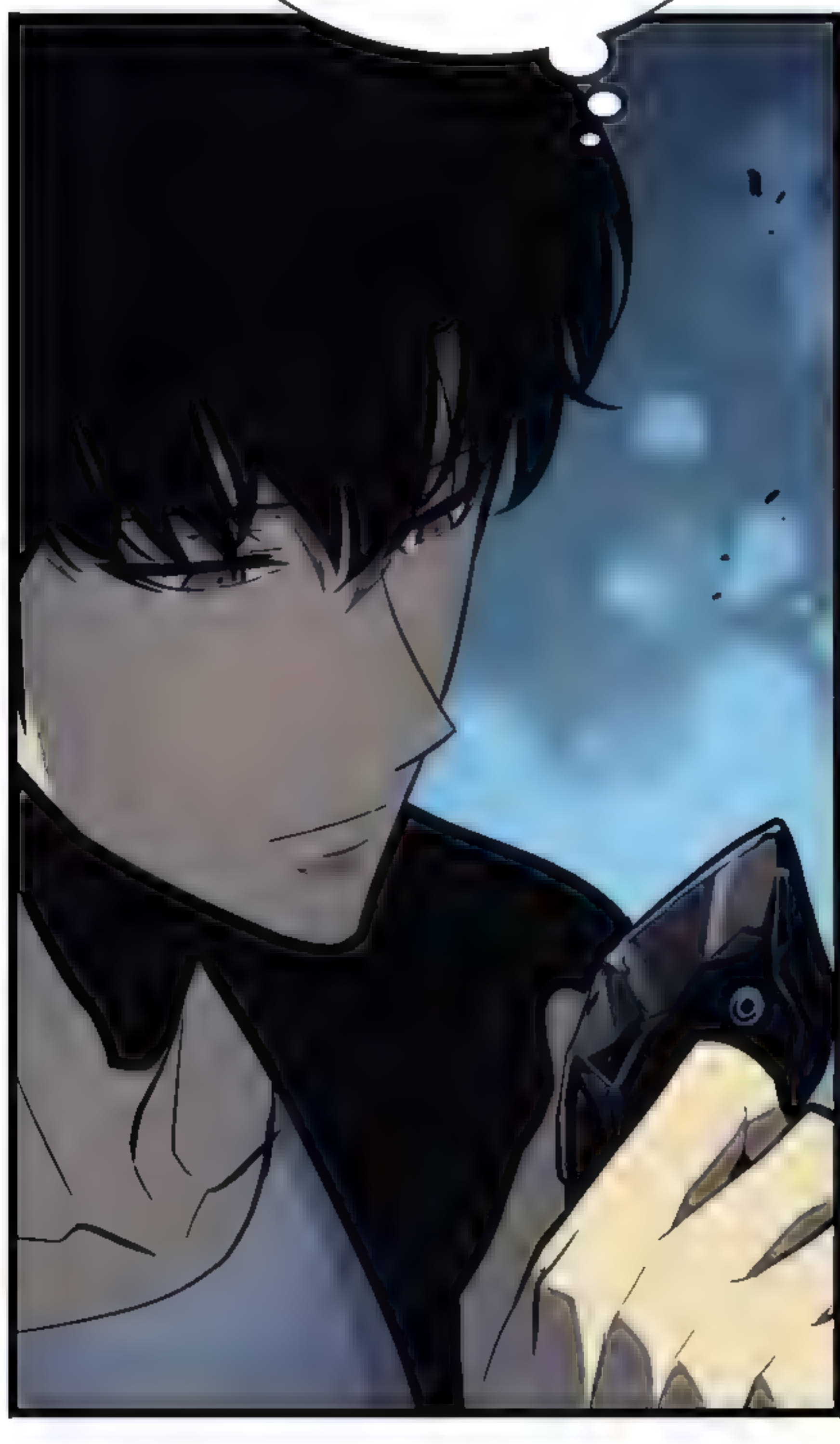


ALL OF  
THESE ESSENCE STONES  
ARE GOING TO BE USED TO  
RECONSTRUCT JEJU  
ISLAND'S INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND COMPENSATE FOR  
THE DAMAGES.



WE SHOULDN'T  
KEEP ANY FOR  
OURSELVES.

THIS ONE FROM  
BERU'S CORPSE WILL  
BE MORE THAN  
ENOUGH FOR ME.



NOW THE MOST  
PRESSING MATTER  
AT HAND IS FIGURING  
OUT HOW TO DEAL  
WITH THE REMAINING  
ANTS...

WILL I BE ABLE TO  
KILL THEM OFF WITH



THE NUMBER OF  
TROOPS I HAVE  
RIGHT NOW?

WE'LL GIVE  
IT OUR ALL,  
BUT...

...MASTER.


I CAN FEEL IT...

OUR ENEMIES ARE  
HAVING A DIFFICULT  
TIME NAVIGATING  
THE SKIES BECAUSE  
THEY DO NOT HAVE  
A LEADER...

THEY ARE INCAPABLE  
OF MAINTAINING THEIR  
FORMATION AND ARE  
SCATTERING IN  
CONFUSION.


BERU.



A comic book panel featuring a speech bubble. The background is split into a blue area on the left and a black area on the right. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned on the right side, pointing towards the top right corner. Inside the bubble, the text "DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY ANTS THERE ARE?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in three lines.

DO YOU KNOW  
HOW MANY ANTS  
THERE ARE?






THERE WERE  
8,700 OF THEM  
BEFORE THE  
ATTACK TODAY.

APPROXIMATELY  
4,000...

...HAVE SURVIVED,  
MASTER.

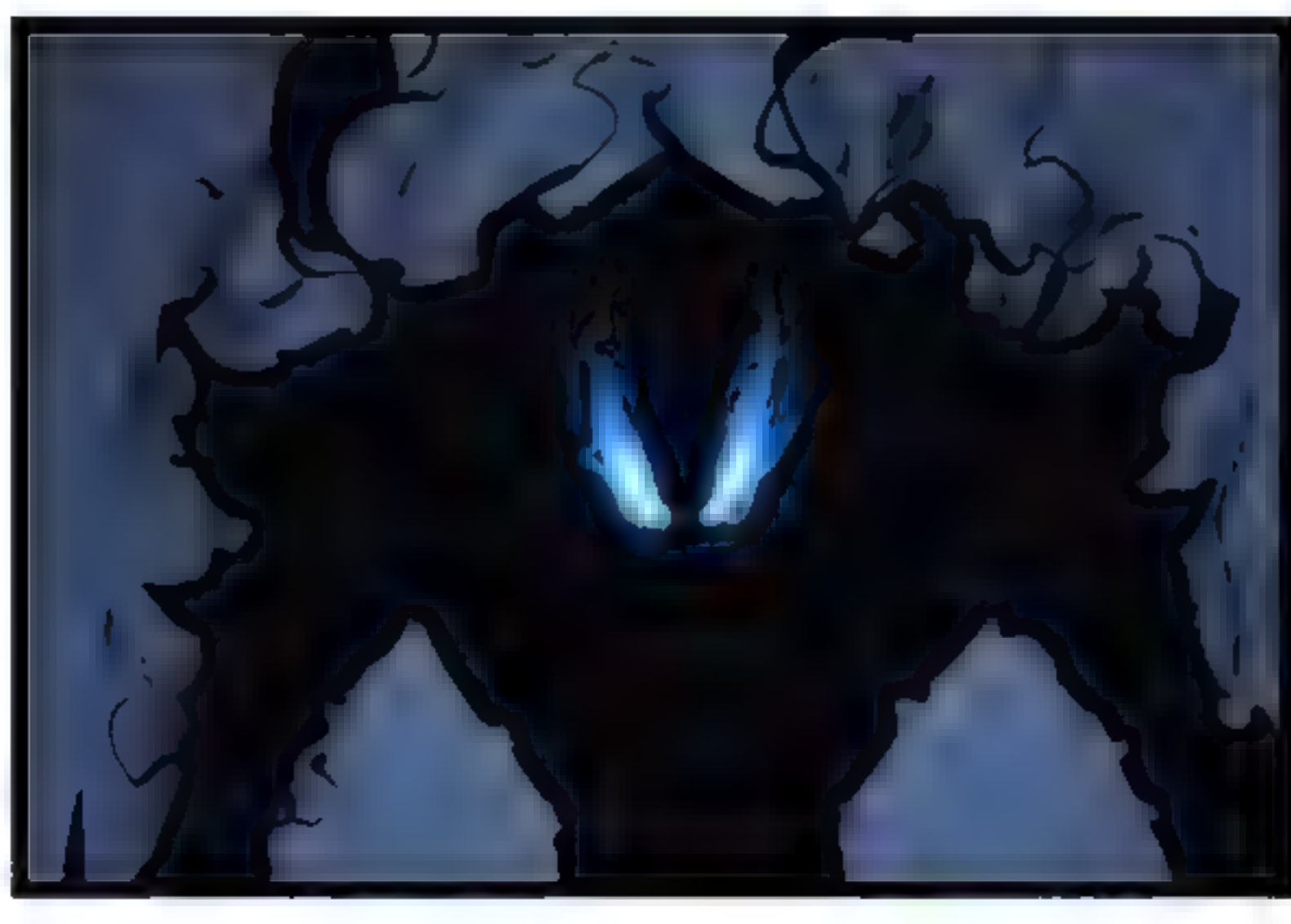


I THOUGHT I GOT  
RID OF A WHOLE  
BUNCH DURING THE  
BATTLE EARLIER...

THERE STILL  
SEEMS TO BE  
QUITE A FEW OF  
THEM LEFT.



CAN YOU WIPE  
OUT THE REST  
YOURSELF?



IF YOU GIVE  
ME AN ORDER,  
MASTER.











**THE ANTS  
ARE HEADING  
NORTHBOUND!**

**THEY'RE GOING  
FOR A HEAD-ON  
COLLISION WITH  
THE KNIGHTS  
GUILD!**




**ALL THE MEMBERS  
OF THE HUNTERS  
GUILD, LISTEN  
UP! WE'RE NEXT!  
GET READY FOR  
BATTLE!**




**A  
A  
A  
A  
A**









EVERYONE IN THE  
FAME GUILD SHOULD  
START PREPPIN' FOR  
BATTLE, TOO.




**SLAUGHTER  
EVERY ANT IN  
SIGHT!**



**WHAT  
ARE YOU GUYS  
DOING?! A SINGLE  
ANT IS AS STRONG  
AS A B-RANK!**



**GET INTO BATTLE  
POSITIONS! IF YOU  
FALL OUT OF  
FORMATION, YOU'LL  
BE KILLED!**



**WE  
MUST RECLAIM  
THE HONOR AND  
GLORY OF THE  
FIEND GUILD!!**



AH... AHH!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

H, HOW ARE WE  
SUPPOSED TO FIGHT  
THOSE THINGS?!

THIS GUY MAY  
BE AN A-RANK, BUT  
HE'S A TOTAL  
WUSS!







THE ANTS HAVE  
ALREADY REACHED  
THE SHORES OF  
HAEUNDAE...!

ARE WE EVEN  
STRONG ENOUGH TO  
TAKE THEM ON?



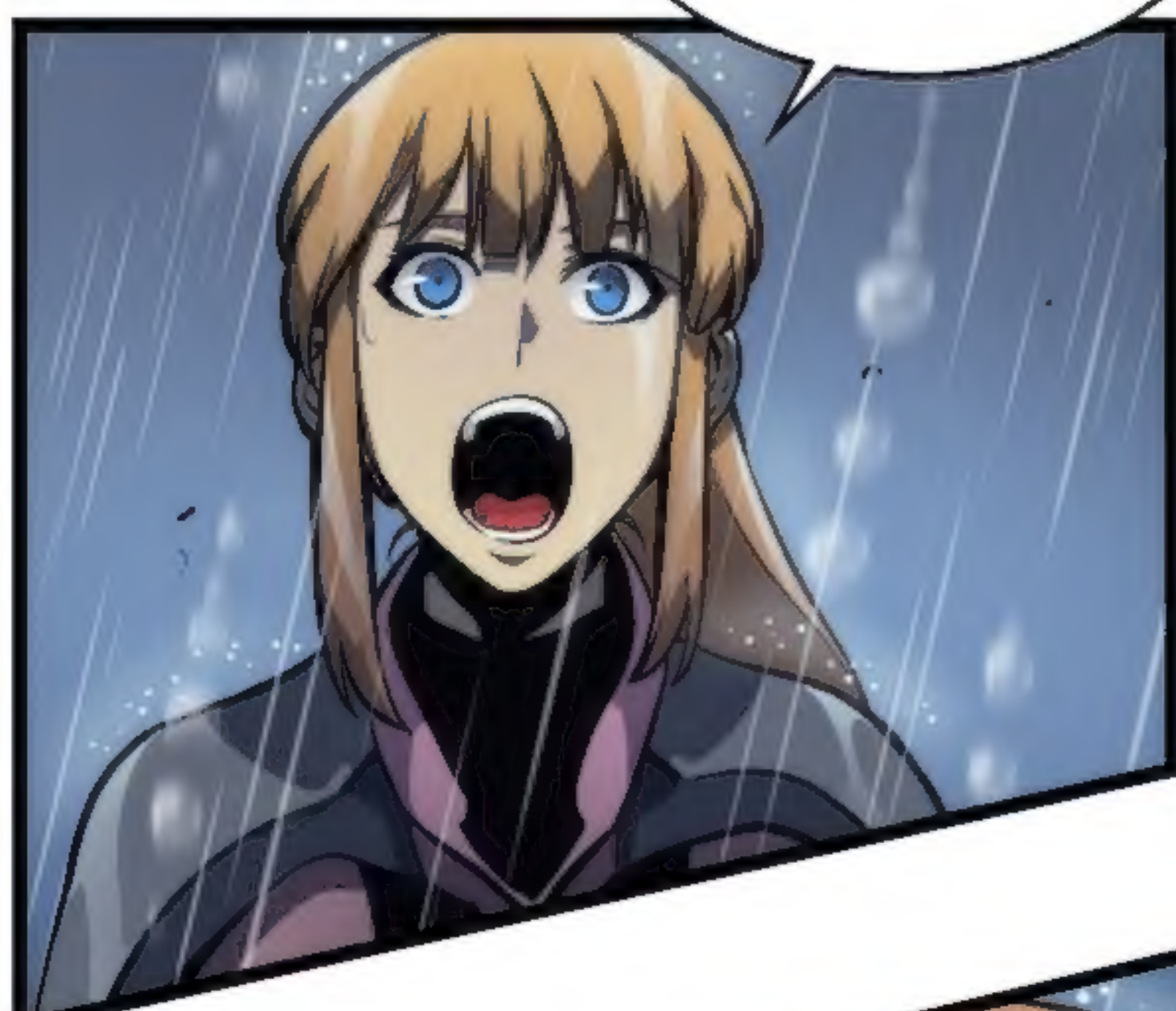
THEY'RE  
FAST!

THEY'RE ONLY AN  
ARM'S LENGTH  
AWAY NOW!!





TH, THAT  
THING THAT KILLED  
THOSE ANTS JUST  
NOW...!



WHAT  
INCREDIBLE  
SPEED.

I CAN'T  
EVEN MAKE OUT  
WHAT IT IS.



WHAT ON  
EARTH...

...IS THAT  
THING?





To Be Continued...

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